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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action on the merits, the Applicants respectfully
request entry of the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) A recombinant mutant allergen as claimed in claim 8,
wherein said mutation at the site of cleavage between the propeptide and the
mature molecule comprises a deletion of the residues NAET(SEQ ID NO: 31).

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